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OBSERVING NEUTRALITY.

Attention is being attracted by the first instance where a disregard of orders issued to officials of both the army and navy, concerning the public dissemination of the conduct of the foreign countries involved in the war, has been disclosed. This surgeon, even though on the retired list, found occasion to criticize the actions of the Germans in dealing with the Belgians and his indignation appears likely to mean the removal of his name from the retired list.

Such is because of the neutrality laws which this country has taken, the aim being that no loophole be allowed for the claim that one so identified with the government has been allowed to use his influence for one side or the other. And while the government is doing its best to handle the matter of maintaining neutrality, there are many others who can contribute materially to the maintenance of impartiality by not arousing sentiment in behalf of one country or another. To this situation is called by the Peace Federation in taking exception to mass meetings in this country, objecting, as they do, to the spirit of any such gathering regardless of the side it represents.

Efforts to unjustly arouse any portion of a neutral nation needs to be promptly kept within bounds and in this connection all those who are created might well give careful consideration to the president's message to the nation upon this very point. It is the middle of the road course which should be taken.

AFTER MORE REVENUE.

Now congress is promising itself the fun of laying more taxes and this time it will be the many and not the few who will be concerned for, with the suggestion that war tax be placed upon beer, soda water, bass, ball and theater tickets, there are very few who are not interested in one or more of the items. The consideration of this question of raising revenue for the operation of the government because of the drop in imports has of course only just begun in anticipation of the actual need of such funds, so that the list of articles suggested for tax is liable to increase or expansion, but as it is uncertain whether the final decision will be the ultimate consumer who will be looked to to fork over generously and cheerfully that which is required.

It is easily understood how this can be done by increasing the "collar" on the ice cream soda and other beverages, by making the amount of the commodities tax the criterion, if it comes to such necessities as chewing gum, candies and tobacco, but the idea of taxing the baseball and theater tickets gives the managers something to be thinking about, between now and the opening of the taxation season, that the burden may be shifted. Of course this getting less for your money is only the continuation of a raid upon the consumer which has been underway for some time, but when it threatens to cut a ball game down to eight innings or to break in on an evening's entertainment by lopping off one of the features it will require a lot of patriotism to submit.

CONTROL OF SAMOA.

Possibilities of a rupture between Japan and Germany, followed directly by the issuance of the ultimatum by the former, caused no small amount of speculation as to the extent of the operations which were contemplated in the east and throughout the Pacific. The resulting uneasiness in this country brought forth the declaration from the Japanese empire that the interests of this country would be protected, that it was not the purpose of Japan to extend the empire and that whatever was done would be confined to the China seas and for the aid of the British interests and China. The opportunities for Japan to seize the several valuable German possessions for the increase of its own power were fully recognized, and it was understood the suspicion under which it moved and furnished several statements to support its premises.

The capture by the British of the port of Samoa controlled by Germany is the first move against the

Pacific possessions, but it goes to bear out the Japanese programme as announced. From British control of what was formerly German territory no danger is feared for our eastern possessions, but such could hardly have been said had possession been taken by Japan, as could have been easily accomplished. Whether it was so intended or not, Great Britain has adopted a course which is calculated to prevent any friction in the east over the change of flag, and Japan at the same time has not violated its promise.

ATROCITIES.

As much as they are regretted by peaceful civilization atrocities are an expected accompaniment of war. There has been no war fought which has not been characterized by tales of horrible practices upon both sides. It was true in this country, it existed throughout the Balkan war, Mexico furnished plenty of stories about it and such a condition is now being reported from the battlefields of Europe. Just how much is true, and how much distorted facts, is impossible to sift out at the present time, but that there is bound to be a certain amount of Spanish action where war is in progress is shown by past history. In declaring that war was never humane the New York Post truly says that it means, at least to the beaten, "the infinite variation of human misery and torture, the rising to the surface of every bestial passion of which human beings are capable. Not only is it the very abnegation of every good quality, but the real facts are the real and final answer to those who see in any aspect of the ennoblement of those who partake in it."

Even though war has changed in certain respects as the result of conferences for the relief of such conditions, the recognition of the need of abolishing such crimes and actually accomplishing the reform on the battlefields are two different things. Atrocities have featured every war, and while that does not justify them, yet they are likely to continue as long as war is a possibility. They are an accompaniment of the spirit and system of war, and the only successful method of combating them will be through peace.

AN IMPORTANT MISSION.

It is an important mission upon which Paul Fuller, as the special representative of this government, is engaged in his visit to Mexico City. What is sought is to get in touch with the intentions and purposes of Carranza in the setting up of his government in that country. Such is necessary for the purpose of guiding this country in its future attitude to that administration. There has long been manifested a friendly disposition to the constitutionalists by this country, the intentions having been that with the establishment of a proper government recognition would be extended by this country as a further aid to the best interests of that republic.

Such is bound to be of incalculable value to Carranza and his ambitions provided they are what this country can endorse and lend its assistance to in bringing about. Thus does it devolve upon Mr. Fuller not only to set forth the attitude of this country in its proper light, but also to gather from what may not be any too clearly defined as yet, the aims of Carranza. Realizing what is involved in such a task and the importance of the action which hinges upon the outcome, Mr. Fuller cannot fail to be fully impressed with the gravity of his mission. It means much to both countries, in one case for the help which can be received and in the other for the assistance which can be extended in a worthy cause. That Mr. Fuller has been selected, however, displays the confidence which is placed in his ability.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Rounding the corner of autumn marks the beginning of three delightful months.

Thunderstorms have no terrors for the northern part of France or East Prussia just at present.

The Red Cross provides the avenue for neutrals to render a worthy service to suffering humanity.

Probably no one more than General Huerta down in Spain can understand the real significance of those slogans.

Boston Poles have fixed a day to pray for the liberty of Poland. It is the desire of Russia that they fight for it.

As an advertising feature for increasing tourist business Europe must realize that the war is a disastrous failure.

Isn't it about time complaint was made to Germany about the use of steam roller methods in her army operations?

It would be surprising if after all the upheavals in both hemispheres peace should find a breathing place in Mexico and Santo Domingo.

Even though Germany loses its eastern possessions, it may have cause to feel as Spain did that it means so much less to worry about.

With sugar promising to go out of sight Great Britain has reason to appreciate that gift of \$100,000 worth of the staple from the Barbadoes.

It has probably been noticed that all discussion of and interest in the war by residents of this country is second only to three square meals.

King Albert says he will fight in the trenches if necessary. Why, one of the few things which may bring royalty and the peasant to the common level, but only occasionally.

The man on the corner says: "I would be all right to go back to boyhood again, provided a fellow could skip those periods of castor oil and casticum."

The illness which is showing up so alarmingly among congressmen since the docking of pay for absence was put into effect, may yet be diagnosed as homesickness.

Turkey and Italy seem to be having "On to Paris" and "On to Berlin," ing a hard time deciding which side is going to win, but they are getting plenty of advice.

While the war is furnishing the opportunity for determining the real value of the aeroplane at such a time, it is none the less demonstrating the great service which the auto can be.

DISGUISED HONEYMOONS.

"If I were to do it all over again," sighed the very young woman, "I shouldn't attempt to deceive any one. I'd wear a dove colored going away frock, with bride roses at my belt and immaculate white gloves and shiny new shoes. Then I should at least have the satisfaction of beginning at once to enjoy my honeymoon, instead of leaving home in a last summer suit as I did. Really, I looked so shabby that I know any man but dear old Jeff would have been ashamed of me. But he insisted that even in my out of date clothes I looked a hundred times nicer than any other woman on the train."

"To tell the truth, there was some justice in what he said, for there weren't any really well dressed women in our Pullman. The young woman across the aisle from us was particularly dowdy. I believe her linen suit must have been brought over years ago and her shoes were scuffed worse than mine. She and her husband were all settled in their section before we got on the train at 63d street. And the minute we took our seats they began to smile at each other."

"I am sure I don't see why they suspected us, for Jeff and I both acted as if we were really married folks as we could. He began to read an afternoon paper and I settled myself in the corner for a nap. When Jeff started to do things to make me comfortable, like arranging the pillow that the porter brought, I simply glared at him, and he fell back into his paper obediently."

"I believe I'll go and take a smoke," said Jeff. Then he finished the paper and I had stopped trying to sleep. "You won't mind, Charibel, dear?"

"Of course not," I answered grumpily. For I saw our neighbors still looking at us. "I never object to your smoking when we're traveling."

"No, certainly not," I know you don't," answered Jeff, strolling off with a delicious air of indifference that I felt must impress every one.

"I believe I'll have a cigar, Bess," remarked the man across the aisle. "I haven't had your regular smoke today," and then they both laughed in a silly way that I thought had something to do with Jeff and me, though I couldn't see what. Left alone, she edged over nearer to the aisle and smiled at me so pleasantly that I couldn't carry out my resolution to be very forbidding.

"Aren't men babies about their smoking?" she asked in an indulgent tone.

"Why, I don't know. My—my husband is never selfish about his smoking."

"No, nor mine, either, but still, like your husband, I guess he would feel

abused if he didn't have his after lunch cigar, no matter what happened.

"I was certain that she was referring to the wedding and I absently looked beyond her out of her window."

"This is rather a dull country, isn't it," she said. "Have you been east by this route before?"

"No, not on this route," I answered, seeing that she was determined to talk, but also seeing no reason why I should admit I had never been east at all.

"How do you usually go?" she inquired.

"I prefer traveling by water."

"Oh, on the great lakes? Aren't you ill?"

"No, not at all," I replied truthfully. "Oh, as it happens, I've never been on the great lakes. My traveling has all been by the west."

"We thought of going by water, but I was really afraid. Now, you can tell me all about it, and maybe we'll go home that way."

"At that moment Jeff returned and asked me to go on the observation platform, and he introduced his wife to us. We all talked pleasantly together, though I was nervous for fear that Mrs. Hayden would bring up the subject of the great lakes. I was so uncomfortable that I told Jeff I was tired of the smokers and wished to go inside."

"You never get cinders on the great lakes, do you?" she asked brightly. I feared Jeff would ask her what she meant, but happily he did not appear to notice the question. To my relief we had no more conversation with them, though I did not happen to talk to them again until the next morning when we found ourselves in the same hotel in Niagara Falls.

"I think," said the clerk, who was assigning our rooms, that there's some mail for some of your party."

He handed Mr. Hayden two letters, which he and his wife studied for an instant and then passed on to me. I was

glad to see that my cub brother had forwarded two belated wedding notes addressed to "Miss Charibel Thom," through which name he had lightly drawn a pencil and added my married title underneath. Jeff looked over my shoulder and laughed, and the Haydens likewise, with unnecessary

hearsiness. "I'm so glad you're just married, too," said Mrs. Hayden. "I thought maybe you were, since I heard that your husband told mine that was your first trip east."

"I thought Jeff reproachfully, as I looked at the walls of the hotel. The forest of Solignies extended in the middle ages over the southern part of Brabant up to the walls of Brussels. The forest of Solignies was the site of the first blow towards its gradual contraction was struck when Napoleon ordered 25,000 oaks to be cut down in it to build the celebrated Boulogne flotilla for the invasion of England. A considerable portion of the forest in the neighborhood of Waterloo was assigned in 1815 to the Duke of Wellington, and to the holder of the title as long as it endured."

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It is an absurdity to say, as the statutes do, that it is an illegal act calling for a substantial fine to put pure water in milk or vinegar, or to secretly adulterate food products while at the same time the supply may be controlled or cornered and the price artificially boomed until it becomes a hardship. The contrast makes a farce of the law as it stands. If it is right for government to fix the price of food, it must be proper for it to regulate prices. It is fortunate that the test comes at this particular time while speculators are busy in accelerating prices in the face of tremendous crops. Clearly it is up to Uncle Sam to take effective action and give the relief long needed.—Bristol Press.

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that belong to Belgium. In the middle ages it was strongly fortified, but in 1863 the last vestiges of its ramparts were removed. Since then a new town has been created, in which a solid granite digue or parade over two miles long, a casino, royal chateau and a race course are features. Ostend is in direct railroad communication with Brussels, Cologne and Berlin.

Valenciennes—A French frontier town with a population of about 28,000, 30 miles southeast of Lille, at the confluence of the Rhonelle and the Scheldt. It is in the heart of a great industrial district near the Anzin coal region. It is a French edition of the city of Liege, except that it is "unfired" the old fortifications having been transformed into pleasure grounds and drives in 1862. It has a long military history, in 1877 it was taken by Louis XIV. after an eight day siege. In 1792 it surrendered after a bombardment of 43 days and in 1815 it defended itself successfully.

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